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CHAFEE BACKS FIRE SAFETY LEGISLATION

In Response to the Station Fire, Senator Co-Sponsors American Home Fire Safety Act

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee joined lead sponsor Ernest Hollings (D-SC) and other colleagues today in introducing The American Home Safety Act. This bipartisan legislation would require the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to implement tough new standards for mattresses, upholstered furniture, candles and bedding.

The CPSC began a study of residential fire hazards nine years ago, but has been unable to come to an agreement on standards. Because of this inaction, the California Department of Consumer Affairs has moved to adopt tougher standards. Most provisions of this bill are similar to draft rules that are being considered by California.

“This legislation sends a clear signal that Congress is serious about protecting Americans from these types of fires. It is my hope that the CPSC will move forward with issuing its own safety standards. If the Commission won’t take action, Congress will,” Chafee said.

The American Home Fire Safety Act is endorsed by the Association of State Fire Marshals, major Fire Chiefs organizations, National Fire Protection Association, American Burn Association and the Shriners.

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